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The line, single track, is located about thirty miles north of the small city of Kirov which is about 40 miles north of the Oblast Center, Kirov.

2. The road bed was prepared by Hungarian and Czech prisoners and the track was laid by Soviet prisoners. Initially we dug three-foot trenches about ten feet wide. Sand was then filled in to a two-foot depth, heavy gravel about one foot thick was laid over the sand, and the ties were then laid over the gravel.
how many prisoners worked on the railroad.

3. There appeared to be many conflicting orders about where the track should go and frequently spend several weeks chopping down trees only to be told that it had been decided to lay the track in a different place. During one period of four weeks about ten miles of track was laid. the track went in an East-West direction.

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